SION was taken after due deliberations.

Different rates of excise duty

*111. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a difference in the rate of excise duty on the baa's that the final product is produced in an integrated plant or a split unit particularly in case of cement; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Cement manufactured in a factory using vertical shaft kiln or rotary kiln having specified installed or licensed capacity attracts basic excise duty of Rs. 165/-per MT. Cement manufactured in other plants attracts basic excise duty of Rs. 290/- per MT.

(b) Low rate of excise duty has been extended t_0 cement units using vertical shaft kiln or rotary kiln mainly on th_e following considerations:—

(i) to encourage use of small deposits of limestone available in not easily accessible areas;

(ii) to tap small markets in and around th_e small limestone deposits.

Narcotics smuggling on Pakistan border

112. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it Is a fact that of late there has been a rise in cases of narcotics smuggling on the Pak border; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check th_e same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI *M.* V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The seizures on the Indo-Pak border during the last two $year_s$ have been as follows:—

	Heroin (Kg)	Hashish (Kg)
1991 . . .	41.460	564.670
1992 . . .	36.565	617.820

(b) Arrangements for gathering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agenda have been streamlined. Training is being imported to the enforcement officers of various agencies *to* improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pakistan border has been fenced. The strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforoejment agencies! toi improve their mobility and communication facilities in the border areas.

Adjustment of overdrafts by State Government

113. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: WiU the Minister of FINANCE b_e pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of State Gov ernments which have failed to repay to the Reserve Bank of India their over draft $_a$s on 31st December, 1992;

(b) what is the amount of overdraft due from each State as on the 31st De cember, 1992; and

(c) what action the Reserve Bank of India has taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Staite Governments of Kerala and Manipur failed to clear their overdrafts from the Reserve Bank as on December 30, 1992 (December 31, 1992 being holiday for half-yearly closing of Reserva Bank's accounts) within the time limit prescribed under rthe Overdraft Regjnla-t tion Scheme.

(b) The amount of overdraft due from, each State a* on December 30, 1992 (Do-

cember 31, 1992 being holiday) is given below:

	Name of the State	Amount of overdraft
		Rs. in crores
1.	Bihar	9.73
2.	Gujarat	3.56
3.	Himachal Pradesh	4.86
4.	Kerala	74.87
5.	Manipur	16.97
6.	Meghalaya	4.39
7.	Nagaland	32.24
8.	Orissa	33.64
9.	Tripura	4.81
10.	West Bengal	42.88
	TOTAL	227.95

(c) Immediately after the States menitioned in reply to part (b) of the Question above emerged in overdraft, Reserve Bank advised by fax/telex/State express telegrams each of them to take steps to clear the overdraft. This process was repeated on a daily basis from 1st day of the overdraft till the overdraft in respect of each State was cleared within the time limit prescribed under the Over, draft Regulation Scheme. As the overdrafts of Kerala and Manjpur were not cleared within the time frame specified under the Overdraft Regulation Scheme, Reserve Bank issued instruction.; on December 31, 1992 suspending payments of these itwo States with immediate effect. As both ,the Kerala and Manipur State Governments cleared the overdraft, as on 1st January, 1993 instructions to reasume payments on their behalf with effect from January 2, 1993 were issued by the Reserve Bank,

Loans for energy conservation and environment projects

114. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH; Will the 'Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has approved a $ 147 million loan to India for an energy conservation and environment improvement project; and

(b) if so, what are the details of loan and projects which are likely to make use of it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Th$_e$ loan from th$_e$ Bank's ordinary capital resources will have a .repayment period of 20 years, including a grace period of 5 years. The interest rat$_e$ will be determined in accordance with the Bank's pool based variable lending rat© system which is at present 6.63 per cent per annum. The Energy Conservation; and Environment Improvement Project comprising 23 sub-projects at four oil refineries viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Cotporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Cochin Refineries Limited is to make use of energy more effici-